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Gulf Conflict

Iraqi Naval Action — Iraqi naval forces destroyed five "maritime targets" in the Khowr-e Musa area near Bandar-e Khomeyni, and another two were either destroyed or damaged by mines in the same area, according to the 1 July military communique broadcast by Baghdad radio. Meanwhile, Iraqi planes shot down an Iranian F-14 that had come to aid the vessels, the communique added. The South Korean Foreign Ministry later announced that the Korean freighter *Wonjin* was hit on its way to Bandar-e Khomeyni by Iraqi Air Force missiles, injuring four crew members, Seoul radio reported.

In regard to these developments, an Iraqi military spokesman cited by Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio stated that the naval forces are determined to continue the blockade of Khark Island and the major Iranian ports in the Gulf through full coordination with the Air Force. The Iraqi naval commander added that the naval forces have complete control of the maritime operations area and the Iraqi Navy has hit 170 "targets" during the war, INA reported. In a related report, Gulf shipping sources disclosed that Iran is unloading storage reservoirs on Khark Island and has stopped ships from anchoring there in expectation of major Iraqi attacks, according to the Kuwaiti paper *AL-QABAS*. However, the Bushehr Province governor general said that oil exports from Khark are continuing at a "normal" rate, IRNA reported.

Iranian statements — Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni, in his 'Id al-Fitr address broadcast by Tehran radio, said those who advise compromising with Iraq are either ignorant or are agents; compromising with an oppressor is allowing the continuation of oppression. He also warned Islamic governments that the war would bring them to ruin if it were extended, and advised them not to get involved. In a related warning during his 'Id al-Fitr sermon reported by IRNA, President 'Ali Khamene'i advised Iran's neighbors to understand their status and realize their weaknesses and vulnerabilities. He also said that Iran will "act more and more intensely" against Egypt, and that Iran would have the upper hand if there were a confrontation between the two, according to Tehran radio.

Egypt

Acting Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Kamal Hasan 'Ali will become the new prime minister, according to MENA citing the newspaper *MAY*. The new Cabinet, which should be named after 1 week, is expected to include new individuals, MENA added.

Libya

Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi, in an 'Id al-Fitr speech reported by JANA, stressed that able-bodied young men wishing to undertake the pilgrimage to Mecca bear the responsibility of fighting and liquidating any enemy "stray dogs" they encounter there. The blood of those "renegades" assisting America can "legitimately" be shed because America is the enemy of God and its agents must be killed wherever they are, Al-Qadhdhafi stated.

Lebanon

Israeli Activities — The Israeli authorities detained nine passengers from a Cyprus-Beirut ferry which was intercepted by the Israeli Navy on 29 June and forced to sail to Haifa, Jerusalem radio reported. The ferry was intercepted because "of suspicions that it would be used to carry out hostile activities," according to an Israeli Foreign Ministry statement reported by the radio. The Israeli action was within the framework of the Israeli security forces' continuing antiterrorist activities, the statement added. After spending 10 hours in Haifa, the ferry was permitted to resume its journey to Beirut without the nine detainees, Beirut radio noted. The radio described the seizure of the ship as "piracy."

In another development, Jerusalem radio announced that Tyre and Sidon ports would reopen on 2 July after being closed for more than a week while the IDF carried out "security measures" in the ports. Earlier, Beirut radio cited reports that the Israelis had arrested 200 Amal Movement members in a Shi'ite town near Tyre following an attack on a joint patrol of the IDF and the army of southern Lebanon.

Al-Biqa' Valley — Israeli positions in the valley came under fire from Syrian positions, according to a 1 July report by the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon. Meanwhile, Damascus radio warned that Israeli reinforcements in the Al-Biqa' provide fresh evidence of Israel's intention to attack Syrian Forces in Lebanon in order to preserve its military superiority. However, such an "aggression" would be a serious mistake because Syria is capable of teaching the enemy a lesson it will not forget, the radio contended.

Beirut Security Situation — The Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) has begun withdrawing its heavy weapons from Beirut in order to pave the way for the implementation of the security plan later this week, Beirut radio reported. The PSP operation began on 30 June and is expected to take several days, Voice of Lebanon radio noted. Nevertheless, violent clashes continued across the combat lines over the weekend, according to Beirut radio, and 22 people were killed or injured in shelling on 29 June. The Voice of Lebanon said that indiscriminate shelling of East Beirut caused heavy casualties on 1 July.

Syria-Jordan

Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad sent Jordanian King Husayn a congratulatory cable on the occasion of 'Id al-Fitr, Radio Monte Carlo reported citing PETRA.

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Gandhi Appeals for Restoration of Brotherhood

BK291355 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 29 Jun 84

[Text] The prime minister has cautioned the people against the malicious propaganda that injustice is being done to the Sikhs and they are not being given equal opportunities. Mrs Gandhi was addressing separately a women's delegation from different parts of Punjab and a delegation of the Akali Dal, Tara Singh group, led by its president, Mr Kuldip Singh, in New Delhi today. She said Sikhs are well represented in the civil services, the Armed Forces, and other fields. Exhorting the people to forget the sad and painful events in Punjab, the prime minister appealed for restoring an atmosphere of brotherhood and amity among all communities.

Continuing Coverage of Sikh-Government Confrontation

Ultimatum on Troop Withdrawal

BK300830 Hong Kong AFP in English 0815 GMT 30 Jun 84

[By Dilip Ganguly]

[Text] New Delhi, June 30 (AFP) — The Sikh party Akali Dal today gave the government 16 days to withdraw security forces from the Golden Temple in Amritsar, after which it said Sikh suicide squads would have to get them out.

An Akali spokesman announced the ultimatum to newsmen today after a marathon party meeting in Amritsar, adding that "otherwise Sikh sacrificial squads will march towards Amritsar from Punjab villages to liberate the shrine."

The meeting, attended by senior party leaders, was the party's first since Indian troops stormed the holiest of Sikh shrines on June 6 to flush out militants using it as their base for a bloody separatist campaign. Over 500 people, including 92 soldiers, were killed in the operation, described as the single biggest anti-terrorist operation in the world.

Meanwhile in Gaughati, capital of the troubled northeastern state of Assam, it was announced that at least 12 militants had surrendered to the government during the past two weeks. They surrendered with 28 pipe guns, Assam Chief Minister Hiteswar Saikia said.

The militants had been active in a four-year-old campaign for the detection and deportation of immigrants from Bangladesh and Nepal, which called a 24-hour road blockade last week. In February 1983 over 3,500 people were killed in an escalation of the protest during a Assam election campaign.

A spokesman for the Akali party's Delhi state unit, which claims a membership of 200,000, said that, if asked, it would send Sikh volunteers to Amritsar to join the proposed March on July 16. "We hope good sense will prevail on the government and the security forces will be withdrawn from the temple before that date," he said.

Spokesman Rajinder Kaur, a former member of the Upper House of the Indian Parliament, said the Amritsar meeting was attended by some prominent Sikh leaders and some 100 district-level heads.

In a significant development, the party decided that from now on the Sikh campaign would be led collectively. In a resolution passed at the meeting, it appointed an 11-member committee "to look after the working of the party following arrest of top leaders."

The regular Akali president, Harchand Singh Longowal, and a number of other Sikh leaders are already behind bars and the government arrested acting President Ujagar Singh Shekhwan too earlier this week.

Among four other resolutions passed, the meeting demanded that repairs to damaged parts of the ancient complex be handed over to the temple committee. It congratulated Sikhs who had resigned their jobs and returned government titles in protest at the Army action. It also condemned the assault and described those killed in the operation as "shameeds" or martyrs.

A government spokesman here refused to comment on the Sikh party's ultimatum. But sources close to the government said that it would not be difficult for the administration to withdraw security forces from inside the Golden Temple by July 15. The temple is now open for a fixed period of two hours every morning.

Meanwhile, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) News Agency said in a dispatch from the industrial district of Ludhiana that a retired Sikh soldier killed two people in the village of Swadi Kalan outside Ludhiana town last night. Surjit Singh threw two hand grenades and fired a 12-bore gun, killing the two on the spot. The identities of the victims were not immediately known.

Search for Clandestine Radios

BK010811 Hong Kong AFP in English 0754 GMT 1 Jul 84

[By Dilip Ganguly]

[Text] New Delhi, July 1 (AFP) — Indian police in Punjab and the adjoining state of Himachal Pradesh have started a massive combing operation to locate clandestine radio stations being used by Sikh militants, official sources said today. The police are being aided by experts from the Indian Army.

Meanwhile, UNITED NEWS OF INDIA (UNI) reported the arrest of 78 suspected Sikh militants in the Punjab by the police and Army during the past 24 hours, while an Army chief said the military operation in Punjab was not yet finished.

The Army moved into Punjab on June 2 to crush a militant Sikh campaign for political and religious concessions. Four days later they stormed the militants' stronghold in the Golden Temple at Amritsar, with the loss of 500 lives, including 92 soldiers.

Officials coordinating the combing operation said several radio messages from the clandestine stations had been intercepted in

the past two weeks. They said they believed the stations were in villages in Punjab along the border with Himachal Pradesh.

The Himachal Pradesh border has been sealed and everything entering and leaving Punjab is being checked, the officials said.

Police in Punjab are puzzled that the Sikh militants were using frequencies reserved for the police, officials said.

Last Thursday they intercepted a message that the chief of administration of the adjoining desert state of Rajasthan, Shiv Charan Mathur, was shot dead by unidentified assailants.

Police later found out that the message was a hoax, but for at least an hour there was near panic in the administration. "Such false messages can create havoc," said one official who recalled a similar message last week saying that a hydroelectric project in Punjab, the biggest in Asia, would be blown up.

The officials refused to say how many policemen were involved in the combing operation, but added, "We are scanning many places, specially in the border villages. We are expecting results within a week."

The officials believe that Sikh militants who have so far escaped the police and Army dragnet in Punjab had more than half a dozen radio sets. "They might have got them from foreign countries or snatched them from police patrols," one official said.

Meanwhile, the Army in Amritsar was reported to have discovered two bags full of letters written to the slain Sikh militant leader, Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale. The letters might reveal links the late Mr Bhindranwale had with sympathetic Sikh police and administrative officials in Punjab and in the Indian capital, *HINDUSTAN TIMES* newspaper said quoting intelligence sources.

Interrogation of Sikh militants held in Indian prisons has revealed that the militant leader had plans to raise a personal army, UNI said.

Arms were normally smuggled inside the Golden Temple in trucks. "Bhindranwale himself used to decide on the most effective deployment of the arms...in late night meetings with his trusted followers. The decisions on when, where and by whom the weapons will be used were made," unidentified Sikhs reportedly told interrogators.

Meanwhile, chief of the Indian infantry General A.S. Vaidya said the Army operation in Punjab was not yet over. "Although the Army has flushed out terrorists and criminals from the Golden Temple, our work in Punjab is not yet over," he said in a radio and television broadcast today.

Referring to desertions by some Sikh soldiers from the Indian Army after the Punjab operation, the general said: "Those who acted in a mutinous manner would be severely dealt with under the laws enacted for the Army."

Army Chief's Statement

BK021033 Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English 0845 GMT 2 Jul 84

[Text] Following is the text of a message of Chief of Army Staff General A.S. Vaidya to troops on July 1, 1984.

"My gallant officers, JCO's and men, you have with your recent actions drawn admiration of the nation. The nation is proud of us in the Army because of your valiant and also disciplined and restrained actions in the face of grave provocation and danger in clearing terrorists and criminals from an area of the Suvarna Mandir (Golden Temple) and restoring to it its legitimate use as a place for worship.

"I address you today not in triumph, not as the head of a victorious Army, but certainly with pride and with humility. With pride because of deeds of valour you have performed because of a sense of dedication, and discipline you have displayed because of restraint you have shown in not firing at the holy shrine in spite of fire of terrorists emanating from its precincts. With humility because one must be humble though courageous in the face of death and sufferings and you my soldiers, you did sacrifice your lives and you did suffer. I convey to you my personal admiration for your valour, forbearance and restraint.

"Though we have flushed out terrorists and criminals from the area of Suvarna Mandir (Golden Temple) and restored the hallowed sanctity of the shrine, our work in Punjab is not yet over. We have been charged by government to help the civil administration in restoring law and public order and to bring normalcy to life in Punjab. This will mean flushing out and apprehending terrorists from villages and also bringing out hidden firearms, ammunition and explosives so that law abiding and peaceful people are not tyrannised nor country held to ransom by a few unprincipled, unpatriotic and disloyal terrorists.

"Utmost tact, discipline and understanding will be needed from you who have to carry out this task. It will have to be done without arousing hostility and resentment of law abiding citizenry. You must remember that we are operating amongst our own people. I expect from you the same high standard of discipline, forbearance and moral fibre as you have displayed so far. I have full (?faith) in you and I am confident that you will uphold traditions and honour of Army and country.

"Those of you who are away from the main scene I would like to convey to you that your comrades in arms [words indistinct]. Personnel at all levels have worked day and night long planning and [word indistinct] these plans. The results are there for the world, country and mainly for you to see for yourself. Do not believe in rumours being spread to undermine confidence in your leaders and comrades in arms. Do not get dislodged from your foundations of discipline and loyalty by falling prey to false and insidious propaganda. Remember that soldiers operating in Punjab belong to the same country as you. Whatever your religious faith each one of you is as valuable to me and to the country as the other. (?Help) us in this hour of challenge to our confidence and faith in [word indistinct]. Stand fast and stand together. If we are not firm in our resolve and loyalty, it is our enemies who

will benefit. I can assure you that nothing untoward is happening in your homes in Punjab.

"Though a small portion of our Army was affected, it was still a matter of shame and concern that some of you forgot the oath of allegience you took to this country of ours and chose to get instigated by enemies of this land both internal and external and collectively did an act of disloyalty. Not only that but some of you chose to resist by resorting to force of arms even against your own comrades. To those who remained steadfast I would like to give an assurance that those who acted in a mutinous manner will be dealt with severely under the laws as enacted for the Army so that those who remain with us in the Army and have the honour of bearing arms for country would be a proud and disciplined body of soldiers.

"I am sure you will rise above difficulties and carry out tasks allotted to you doing your best at whatever level you may be with steadfastness, discipline and loyalty which has and Inshallah — God willing — will always remain a hallmark of our Army."

Temple Hours Noted

BK021322 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 2 Jul 84

[Text] In Amritsar, devotees will be allowed to visit the Golden Temple from 0500 to 0900 in the morning and 1600 to 1800 in evening from tomorrow onwards. An official spokesman said in Chandigarh that this is in view of continued improvement in the situation and the great rush of devotees. The spokesman said that organized groups of people coming from other parts of the state will also be able to visit the Golden Temple in between these relaxation periods. About 10,000 devotees today visited the temple.

Meanwhile, a terrorist arrested by the security forces during a mopping-up operation has admitted that he received military training in Pakistan from February to May this year. An official spokesman said that the terrorist also revealed that after training in Pakistan he joined other terrorists in the Golden Temple complex on the 2d of last month.

The annual examinations of all the three universities in the state will commence on the 23d of this month.

Delhi Reports Resignations of Punjab Officials

BK291308 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 29 Jun 84

[Text] The Punjab governor, Mr B.D. Pande, and the state inspector general of police, law, and order, Mr P.S. Bhinder, have resigned. Their resignations are being accepted.

An official spokesman said in New Delhi that the resignations followed the government's decision to make a thorough overhall of the civil and police set-up in Punjab. The government also has decided to accept the resignations and induct a new team at the top of administrative level. Announcement about a new governor and the new head of police administration and other senior officials is being made separately.

The spokesman pointed out that the army action in the Golden Temple and various hideouts of terrorists started on the 3d of this month marked the first phase of restoring law and order in Punjab. The next phase is restoring complete normalcy with a special thrust on developmental work. For this, it has been decided to revamp the administrative machinery to make it an effective instrument for development and maintenance of law and order. A high level committee of experts in civil and police administration is being set up to submit recommendations on this.

Meanwhile, in Punjab, thousands of people offered prayers at the Golden Temple in Amritsar this morning despite heavy rains. The temple was kept open for 2 hours from 0600 to 0800. Today is Amawas [last day of dark fortnight] and many people had a holy dip in the sacred sarovar [lake].

Bhinder's Position Clarified

BK291625 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 29 Jun 84

[Excerpts] The center has decided to accept the resignation of the Punjab governor, Mr B.D. Pande. It has also acceded to the request of the inspector general of police [IGP], law and order, Mr P.S. Bhinder, to be relieved from his present assignment. It has been clarified that Mr Bhinder has not resigned and his services are being placed back at the disposal of the central government. An official spokesman said in New Delhi that the resignation of the governor and the request of the IGP to be relieved of his present post has been taken in the context of the government's decision to make a thorough overhaul of the civil and police setup in Punjab.

The security forces, continuing their mopping-up operation, have apprehended 36 suspected terrorists from different parts of the state during the last 24 hours. An official spokesman said in Chandigarh that a large quantity of arms and ammunition including 1 self-loading rifle, 7 pistols, and over 100 cartridges were recovered from them. He said over 300 rounds of ammunition were recovered by the security forces during a search in the Golden Temple complex yesterday.

New Police Chief Appointed

BK010915 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 1 Jul 84

[Text] Mr K.S. Dhillon has been appointed director general of Punjab police. An official spokesman told our correspondent in New Delhi today that the services of Mr P.S. Bhinder, inspector general of police, law, and order in Punjab, have been placed at the disposal of the center. Mr Dhillon is a joint director in the Central Bureau of Investigation.

Protests Against BBC 'Anti-India Propaganda' Continue

Youth Congress Demonstrates

BK291605 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 29 Jun 84

[Text] Workers of the Indian Youth Kisan Mazdoor [Peasant and Laborer] Congress held a demonstration in front of the British High Commission in New Delhi today to protest against the BBC's anti-India propaganda. They submitted a memorandum to the High Commission authorities urging the British Government to stop the BBC from carrying out a tirade against India.

Another demonstration was held at the BBC office in New Delhi by workers of the Delhi Electricity Supply Undertaking Karamchari [Employees] Union.

Welfare Group Turns Violent

BK300853 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 30 Jun 84

[Text] Members of the Citizens Welfare Organization today held a demonstration before the BBC office in New Delhi. They were protesting against the anti-Indian broadcast by the BBC. The demonstrators at one stage turned violent and broke some glass panes of the BBC office by throwing stones.

Later, the president of the organization, Mr (Ramesh Handa), handed over a memorandum to the BBC representative in Delhi. The memorandum said interference in the internal affairs of India is a gross violation of decorum.

Jammu, Kashmir Chief Minister Loses Support

BK021310 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 2 Jul 84

[Excerpts] In Jammu and Kashmir, at least 12 members of the Legislative Assembly of the ruling National Conference have withdrawn their support to the chief minister, Dr Farooq Abdullah, and have elected the former minister, Mr G.M. Shah, as their leader.

Later, the [state] governor called Dr Farooq Abdullah and informed him of the development. Soon afterwards, the chief minister held a Cabinet meeting. In a letter to the governor, Dr Abdullah recommended the dissolution of the assembly or the convening of its session to test the claim of Mr Shah's supporters.

Abdullah Government Dismissed

BK021347 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 2 Jul 84

[Excerpt] The Jammu and Kashmir governor, Mr Jag Mohan, has dismissed the Farooq Abdullah government following the withdrawal of support by at least one dozen members of Legislative Assembly of the ruling National Conference of the former chief minister.

A new ministry headed by Mr Ghulam Mohammad Shah is being sworn in at Raj Bhavan [governor house] in Srinagar. When last reports came in, the swearing in ceremony was still going on. Further details are coming.

Curfew Imposed in Srinagar

BK021256 London BBC World Service in English 1200 GMT 2 Jul 84

[From "Radio Newsreel" program]

[Excerpt] A curfew has been imposed in Srinagar, capital of the Indian state of Kashmir, and paramilitary police are patroling the streets. The measures follow the defection of 12 members of the ruling party in the state assembly threatening the survival of the state government. Mark Tully reports that the chief minister of Kashmir now wants to convene the assembly to test the position.

Assam Chief Says 12 Extremists Surrender

BK300919 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 30 Jun 84

[Text] The Assam chief minister, Mr Hiteshwar Saikia, has said that extremists in the state are on the run as indicated by the (?spurt) in a number of surrenders and capture of arms and ammunition in the recent raids. He told a news conference in Gauhati today that 3 extremist groups with a total strength of 12 people laid down their arms during the last fortnight.

Mr Saikia also announced that a huge quantity of arms and ammunition, including some of foreign make, were recovered in a series of raids. He said 80 percent of these were used by extremists during the Assam disturbances.

New Air Force Chief Leads Defense Team Visiting USSR

BK020842 Hong Kong AFP in English 0828 GMT 2 Jul 84

[By Dilip Ganguly]

[Text] New Delhi, July 2 (AFP) — India has despatched a top-level defence team to Moscow to negotiate with the Soviet Union for the purchase of military hardware and home production of fighter planes under licence, federal Defence Ministry sources said today.

News of the mission came amid press reports that India had dropped an option to build French Mirage 2000 jets under licence. The Defence Ministry has not confirmed the report.

The delegation, headed by Air Force chief designate, Air Marshal L.M. Katre, will hold talks with Soviet minister for aircraft industries, Marshal Kutakhov and other Soviet defence officials. The team will also call on Soviet Defence Minister Dmitriy Ustinov, the sources said.

The Defence Ministry did not make any formal announcement of the visit.

The Indian team includes defence experts, design and defence scientists, the sources said.

The announcement yesterday of Air Marshall L.M. Katre's being appointed as Air Force chief coincided with the team's visit. Air Marshal Katre, a British-trained officer, will officially take over from the present chief Air Marshal Dilbagh Singh on September 4.

The negotiations between the Indian team and the Soviet officials would be held within the framework of decisions taken during the visit to India of Marshal Ustinov last March. Marshal Ustinov's visit led to agreements for Moscow to supply futuristic fighter planes, electronic countermeasure systems, sophisticated missiles and new weaponry for the infantry and new equipment for naval ships Moscow had already supplied. Moscow also agreed to the transfer of technology in a phased manner for the home production of fighter aircraft. India has the complete infrastructure for the home production of advanced fighter planes.

Defence Ministry sources said the team would ask for speedy Soviet decision to allow the home production of MIG-27 fighters. If and when it is agreed, the aircraft will be produced at the state-owned factory in Koraput, Orissa state. The plant there is already producing uprated engines for MIG-21bis fighters.

Another important topic of discussions would be the home production of a light combat aircraft (LAC). India is also negotiating with Britain for France for the LAC project, the sources said.

Yesterday, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA reported India had decided not to make Mirage 2000 jets under licence from the French plane makers. India is to buy 40 Mirages, with the first six expected next September, and negotiated an option to make a further 110 indigenously.

The Indian team will return from Moscow on Saturday the 7th and submit a detailed report for the policy planners in the federal Defence Ministry.

Lately India has gone for diversification of its military purchases, but the Soviet Union — a treaty ally — continues to be the main supplier of military hardware. Out of 717 combat aircraft in the Indian Air Force, as many as 600 are either Soviet supplied or manufactured here under licence from Moscow. The Indian Air Force has 113,000 personnel.

Whereas the Soviet supply component in the overall Indian defence purchase amounts to about 60 per cent, the Indian Navy is more or less dependent on Soviet equipment. All eight submarines and destroyers are Soviet supplied. The Navy has a personnel strength of 47,000 men.

Government Not To Warn Pakistani, U.S. Envoys

BK291650 Hong Kong AFP in English 1640 GMT 29 Jun 84

[Text] New Delhi, June 29 (AFP) — A Foreign Office spokesman here dismissed a press report that the government would summon Pakistani and U.S. ambassadors to warn them against indulging in activities which did not "suit their diplomatic status." The report, published in the daily *HINDUSTAN TIMES*, was "not worth commenting on," the spokesman said.

The paper also said that Indian intelligence agencies had reported on the "activities and movements" of diplomats from these embassies. It added that there had been sudden withdrawal of funds by the Pakistan and U.S. Embassies, "including substantial foreign remittance withdrawals."

Pakistan and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) have been accused in press reports here of training Sikh militants and supplying them with arms. Pakistan and the United States have denied the charges.

Reportage on Visit of Sri Lanka's Jayewardene

Preparatory Talks Concluded

BK291334 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 29 Jun 84

[Text] The external affairs minister, Mr Narasimha Rao, and the visiting national security minister of Sri Lanka, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, concluded their preparatory talks in New Delhi today on the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka. Both the ministers were assisted by senior officials and high commissioners of the two countries.

The talks will be resumed at the highest level after President Jayewardene arrives in the capital tomorrow on a 3-day visit.

Colombo Radio Comments

BK301119 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 30 Jun 84

[Text] The minister of national security, Lalith Athulathmudali, yesterday wound up his talks [in New Delhi] with top India officials in preparation for President Jayewardene's visit. Mr Athulathmudali continued his talks with Indian External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao, which began on Thursday.

According to reports from New Delhi, the talks covered in detail all aspects of the current situation, focussing both on progress at the round-table conference as well as the adverse impact of continuing terrorist activity based in Indian territory. It is understood that Minister Athulathmudali recounted the initiatives taken by President Jayewardene to advance the political process toward a solution of the ethnic problems. He drew attention to the countinuing negative response of the TULF as well as some of the other parties at the round-table conference. He spoke of the importance of more active participation by the TULF and others instead of merely registering their presence. He set out at length the obstacles which faced the political process as a result of terrorist activity. The minister explained the negative effect of continuing statements by the TULF leadership from Tamil Nadu decrying the efforts of the round-table conference.

Jayewardene Arrives 30 June

BK300959 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 30 Jun 84

[Text] The Sri Lankan president, Mr Jayewardene, arrived in New Delhi this morning on a 3-day official visit to the country. He was received at the airport by the president, Zail Singh; the prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, the external affairs minister, Mr Narasimha Rao, and other dignitaries. The Sri Lankan minister for national security, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, who is already in the capital, was also present at the airport. Mr Jayewardene is accompanied by Mrs (Elina) Jayewardene.

The Sri Lankan president will call on Zail Singh in the afternoon. The president is hosting a banquet tonight in honor of the visiting dignitary.

The two countries will have have two rounds of official talks during Mr Jayewardene's stay in New Delhi. Mrs Gandhi will have the first round of talks with President Jayewardene tomorrow. Mr Narasimha Rao has already had preparatory talks with Mr Lalith Athulathmudali.

Talking to the newsmen at the airport, Mr Rao expressed the hope that some good result will come out of the discussions the Indian and the Sri Lankan leaders will have on the ethnic problem.

Talks Begin on Tamils

BK011559 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 1 Jul 84

[Text] In New Delhi today, the prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, and the Sri Lanka president, Mr Jayewardene, had talks for more than 2 hours on the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka. The talks will be continued at a private dinner later tonight to be hosted by the visiting president.

Briefing newsmen, a spokesman of the External Affairs Ministry said that the two leaders met for about an hour by themselves. Later, they were joined by the external affairs minister, Mr Narasimha Rao, and the Sri Lanka minister for national security, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali.

The spokesman said the talks were held in a cordial atmosphere.

Mrs Gandhi thanked the Sri Lanka president for accepting India's invitation at short notice to visit Delhi. Mr Jayewardene will address a news conference tomorrow shortly before leaving for home.

Jayewardene Says Talks Helpful

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[Text] The Sri Lanka president, Mr Jayewardene, has said that his discussions with the prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, during the last 2 days have been helpful. Addressing a crowded news conference at the Sri Lanka High Commission in New Delhi a short while ago, Mr Jayewardene said he and the prime minister have agreed to remain in close touch. Mrs Gandhi has accepted his invitation to visit Sri Lanka at the earliest convenient date.

Mr Jayewardene said he drew Mrs Gandhi's attention to the hostile propaganda emanating from Indian territory supporting terrorism in Sri Lanka. He also mentioned certain specific instances. He said the prime minister took note of his views on this matter. However, in reply to a correspondent's question to spell out those instances, the Sri Lanka minister for national security, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, who was also present at the news conference, refused to elaborate.

Reports of Mr Jayewardene's news conference are still coming in.

AFGHANISTAN

'Powerful' Earthquake Hits Eastern Area

NC011446 Paris AFP in English 1429 GMT 1 Jul 84

[Text] Uppsala, Sweden, July 1 (AFP) — The University of Uppsala's seismology laboratory today registered a powerful earthquake in eastern Afghanistan, a university official said.

The earthquake measured 6.5 on the Richter scale and occurred at 1019 GMT, the official said.

Counterrevolutionaries 'Crushed,' 80 Captured

LD011816 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 1 Jul 84

[Text] The vigilant security forces of Konar Province recently crushed a number of counterrevolutionary elements who disrupted the security and peaceful life of the working people of (Padel) valley, Nur Gol subdistrict, and (Qaroghan) valley, Konar Province. Eighty of these criminals were captured. According to a report by a source of the security forces in that province, a large quantity of weapons and equipment, along with assorted ammunition, was seized from these murderers.

BANGLADESH

Muslims Demonstrate at U.S. Embassy in Dacca

LD291923 Tehran IRNA in English 1712 GMT 29 Jun 84

[Text] Dacca, June 29, IRNA — Two persons were injured and another four arrested by police during a two-hour 'Jerusalem Day' demonstration here which turned riotous when police tried to scatter a multitudinous throng of Muslim demonstrators in front of the U.S. Embassy here. The demonstration which marked a universal day for Muslims to vow a united struggle for doing away with the Zionist occupiers of the holy city of Jerusalem was made in response to a universal appeal of Imam Khomeyni in 1979. Setting out from Beitol-Mokarram Mosque after their Friday mass prayers, the group of demonstrators threw stones at the windows of the U.S. Embassy building, as well as at the American Express bank and an American life insurance company building. They also set ablaze the star-spangled banner and the flag of the regime occupying Jerusalem.

In their march, which ended in front of the compounds of the press and reporters association of Bangladesh, they also shouted slogans against the United States, the Soviet Union, and the regime occupying Jerusalem.

NEPAL

AFP: No Official Reaction to No-Confidence Motion

BK011206 Hong Kong AFP in English 1156 GMT 1 Jul 84

[Text] Katmandu, July 1 (AFP) — A group of National Panchayat members led by former Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa today lodged a motion of no confidence in the year-old government of Lokendra Bahadur Chand, Keshar Bista, a signatory of the motion announced today. About 42 members of the National Panchayat, the partyless parliament, have signed the motion which is likely to be voted in about 10 days.

The motion said the government was involved in corruption, was inefficient and had divided the panchas — cadres of the partyless policy.

Political observers here said the motion was unlikely to win the backing of 60 per cent of the 140 members of the National Panchayat because of opposition from the 28 royal nominees. But the group hopes to win the support of over 40 per cent of members. Mr. Thapa was himself ousted by a no-confidence vote last July.

There was no official reaction today to the motion.

PAKISTAN

'Medium Intensity' Tremors Felt in Peshawar

BK011530 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 1 Jul 84

[Text] Earthquake tremors of medium intensity were felt in Peshawar this afternoon. The intensity of the earthquake measured 5.4 on the international Richter scale.

According to information from the upper atmosphere research station of Peshawar, the epicenter of the earthquake lay about 250 km north of Peshawar in the Hindu Kush range. The earthquake tremors were also felt at Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Lahore, Abbottabad, and Muzaffarabad.

SRI LANKA

Police Investigate Colombo Hotel Explosion

BK291140 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 29 Jun 84

[Excerpts] One person was killed when an explosion thought to be a bomb blast rocked the Hotel Lanka Oberoi in Colombo yesterday.

The police are now looking for a young couple named Mr and Mrs John Sebastian from Negombo who had booked into the hotel on Wednesday evening. They had told the hotel staff that they were newly married and honeymooning and that they would be there for 2 days. However, they had left the hotel yesterday morning at 0930 without checking out.

A crack police team headed by Police Commissioner (Neil Virasinghe) and the director of the criminal detection bureau, H.Y.D. de Silva, are conducting an investigation. The young couple is said to be between 25 and 30 years old. The superviser who was killed is a mother of two children..

Khomeyni 'Id al-Fitr Speech on Gulf War
LD011424 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1109 GMT 1 Jul 84

[Speech by Ayatollah Khomeyni on occasion of 'Id al-Fitr, delivered 1 July at the Jamaran Mosque, in the presence of the president, Majlis speaker, and other officials — recorded]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. I pray to God Almighty to bless all Muslims, our country and nation on this Islamic festive day. I also pray to God Almighty to bless us with His favor. We were not good guests of God Almighty. He invited us to a feast during this great month [Ramadan] but (?we were not good guests).

Today, God's creatures are ensnared by their usurping leaders. All nations are caught in the claws of the powers that consider themselves mentors and speak of reforms. What can we do, being faced with the present situation in the world — a situation created by the big powers' treatment of men and, worse, the reactionary status of governments? The tragedy, as far as Muslims are concerned, is that they are burdened by such governments which are always reactionary and [word indistinct]. The tragedy for them is that the ones who claim to love peace and support the masses are actually oppressing everyone.

Those who have pretended to be supporters of Jesus Christ, claim that Jesus said if anyone slaps you in the face, you should turn the other cheek — this is a lie. Jesus Christ, the prophet of Islam, God's great prophet, did not utter such an inaccurate remark. If Jesus Christ had been given the opportunity, then just like Moses who did not (?submit) to the pharaohs, He would have acted similarly. But he did not have the opportunity.

Regrettably, those who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ are acting worse than communists, who completely deny God. (?Actually) one cannot say one is worse than the other; all of them are bad.

If Muslims, collectively, had taken part in God's feast during the month of Ramadan; if they had purified themselves, then it would have been impossible for them to submit to oppression. To submit to oppression and to resort to oppression both stem from lack of purification.

Nations have no excuse for putting up with oppression, for Iran removed this excuse. The power which was smashed by Iran is absent there; it does not exist among other governments. However, first our people went through a spiritual change and then accomplished what was witnessed. As for this country which is now being run by you gentlemen, it is a country brought about by spiritual change. However, the idea of this change is more important than the change itself. Everyone must endeavor to safeguard this change.

Those who criticize us say: Why do you not compromise with these corrupt powers? It is because they see everything through human eyes and analyse things with a natural viewpoint. They do not know the views of God and how the prophets dealt with oppressors, or else they know but pretend to be blind and deaf. To compromise with oppressors is to oppress; those who tell us to compromise are either ignorant or agents. To compromise with an oppressor is to give him carte blance to continue his acts of oppression. That is contrary to the views of all the prophets.

The Islamic Iran and her authorities keep pointing out that we want to be friends with Islamic governments, we want to be united with the nations. If this were to happen, the big powers would not be able to oppress Islamic countries. But these governments are not cleansed and have not entered Ramadan and God's ceremonies. They try to extend the war. They do not know that if the war is extended,it will bring ruin to them. He who has a modest style of livingdoes not fear war. Our Guards who lead a less than normal life do not fear war. Our military men who lead a normal life do not fear war; war would not do them any harm. Those who possess palaces and so forth, they should fear war; because they have something to lose.

I advise all the countries in the region — everybody should give advice to others — to leave this animal alone. He is incorrigible. It is impossible for Saddam to reform. Leave him alone. Do not involve yourselves in something in which you must not get involved. I advise you, I have your interests at heart. We have never attacked Iraq and even at present we are defending ourselves. If we give him a chance, even for a day, he would ruin Iran. We are defending ourselves and the Iraqi nation. We are one and the same with the Iraqi nation. They are our brothers. We are defending a nation whose Armed Forces and all aspects of governmentare burdened with an infernal party. The news coming from there makes one sorry for their troubles.

We must strive for the continuation of what has been realised in Iran, for the tolerance of our youth to rub off on the rest of us. When I think of the Guards, Gendarmerie and the Armed Forces who are serving Islam in the severe heat of Khuzestan, I become ashamed of myself. What are we in comparison to them? What are they doing and what are we doing? They have been to a certain extent threatened and we are caught in this (?situation). I ask God to be kind to us, to have mercy on us and save us from this whirlpool, which is our own doing. May God make you successful in the service of this nation and make the nation successful in the service of this government and make us all successful in serving Islam. May our aims be to wipe out oppression and cut off the influence of the oppressors.

Peace and God's mercy be upon you.

Khamene'i: Iran May Reciprocate Attacks on Civilians
LD291548 Tehran IRNA in English 1545 GMT 29 Jun 84

[Text] Esfahan June 29, IRNA — President Khamene'i said here today that the Baghdad regime has resumed its attacks on population centres including Iran's border city of Sar Dasht. He threatened that Iran might soon reciprocate attacks on its civilian areas by Baghdad.

Threats of a counteraction by President Khamene'i comes less than two weeks since the two warring states promised to heed a recommendation by the U.N. secretary general Javier Perez de Cuellar for a reciprocal halting of attacks upon civilian areas.

Warned Khamene'i, "We are stronger than they (Iraqi forces) are and are far better capable of engaging in such operations if we should choose to reciprocate."

He described the situation in the battlefronts as very good and reminded that Iran's Muslim combatants are bracing up in order to launch an attack against the Iraqi troops from anywhere along the fronts with a high morale.

Khamene'i also noted that when it should come for Iran to reciprocate Iraqi attacks the Islamic Republic would launch successful strikes against Iraqi positions without exposing itself to the least hazards.

He said despite an indulgence in all forms of banned operations, and despite continuing adventurous acts throughout the past four years the Iraqi Government has steadily become enervated and is fast going headlong into the maelstrom of its doomed destruction.

While in Esfahan and just a few hours before returning to Tehran today, President Khamene'i viewed a joint maneuver by the regular Armed Forces and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps at an Army base near the city.

Khamene'i Sermon Assails Gulf States, Egypt

GF010814 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 1 Jul 84

[Excerpts] Today, in the early hours of the morning, millions of united Muslim Iranians throughout the country performed the grand 'Id al-Fitr prayers after 1 month of fasting, praying, and purging of their bodies. At 0630 today a huge number of people gathered at the Tehran Mosala [open prayer grounds] and performed the 'Id prayers, led by Seyyed 'ali Khamene'i, the Tehran Friday imam and president of the republic.

In his second sermon, the president referred to the sacred day of 'Id as the day of great gatherings of Muslims and the day of hearing news. He said that on this day speakers should talk of the major problems facing the Islamic world and should inform the Muslims of those problems.

Referring to the efforts of the world superpowers and the imperialist media, which aims at misinforming the Muslims and sowing discord among them, the president said: The presence of 1 billion Muslims in this world is a very important matter. Today, Muslim nations all over the world are awake. The world superpowers have also noticed this fact and are working more intensively than ever to face this situation. It is because of this that we in the Persian Gulf are today spectators to war and a variety of other intrigues and plots by the world superpowers.

The president then stressed the need for greater unity in the whole world and said that the Islamic Republic will exert all its efforts to work for this unity. He further said:

[Begin recording] We think that today all forces must combine, must get together, so that they may land the strongest blows yet on the body of America and the world superpowers. We believe and hope that the Islamic countries will draw closer to each other. We announced the Jerusalem Day so that on that day all people would raise a single slogan. The season of hajj, the great gathering of the people at the (?shrine), and the 'Id of sacrifice are the proper occasions for the Muslims to adopt a united slogan — and today the Islamic world very much needs one.

We have announced to all Islamic countries and we announce again that we extend the hand of friendship to all Islamic countries so that we may gather all our forces and make them ready to face the great world superpowers. We have also reminded our Muslim neighbors repeatedly of this fact. However, (?the superpower nature does not change). They have created this imposed war in this region, and they kindled this home-devouring fire because they wanted the shadow of war to make those individuals, states, and countries, which have been depending upon them even more dependent upon them. One of the benefits that they derive from this war is that they are convincing the states in the region that they need protection, that they need a supporter, and that they need a defender. This was done so that these states would become attached to them, thus enabling them to realize their own superpower objectives.

The nature of the superpowers is warmongering. The imposed regime in Iraq is still and always has been a warmongering regime. Today this Iraq is the cause of war on the sea and on the land in this region. And all those people who help Iraq are partners with Iraq in warmongering. Because we were the oppressed from the very beginning, because we were attacked, we have been defending ourselves since the beginning of the war. We have repeatedly announced our sincerity of good intentions. We do not want tension in the Persian Gulf. Despite the repeated machinations by the Iraqi regime and its evil actions which have never stopped — the bombing of cities and oil tankers — we continued our work of protecting shipping. We have shown forebearance and so have proved our good intentions.

Our brother, Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani, in Friday prayers, as an official, as representative of the imam in the Supreme Defense Council, and in his capacity as the spokesman of the Supreme Defense Council, announced that we shall not fire a shot if nobody else fires a shot. This was the greatest self-control that we could show. It proved that we do not want tension. We do not want our neighbors in the Persian Gulf to get involved in war or strife. We do not want them to become playthings of the superpowers. We do not want them to become instruments for the infiltration of America and its friends in this region. We are striving and we are ready for the Persian Gulf to become peaceful.

However, the nature of the Iraqi regime is warmongering. The supporters of the Iraqi regime, because they also follow the same wrong policies, cannot hide their warmongering natures. Then why do they claim to be peace-loving? Why do they claim to prefer tranquility? We can face them and we will face them with great valor. [strong and prolonged cheers] We believe that if the occasion were to arise in which we would have to confront Egypt, then we would have the upper hand. We say that without undergoing any risks, we could hit Iraqi cities that we have never hit and will not hit. When we said that we would not hit, then we did not hit. We have respected our word and our statements.

However, if new wars flare up on the land and on the sea, then we are even more ready today. (?It is they who compared themselves to us who are in a static state). I wonder why the states in the Persian Gulf, in our neighborhood, are not ready to accept their correct positions. They should understand their problems. We are sorry to note that because of the unwise policies and influences they have placed themselves under, the governments bordering the Persian Gulf can throw themselves into a fire that would be very difficult to extricate themselves from. We once again announced that we did not start [this war] and we will never again start another. Because we are just in confrontation, we act, with vigor, intensity, and finality at our disposal. They should not try to drag us into the battlefield. They should not force us to take intense action; they should allow peace to return to the region. However, if the wickedness and machinations of the Iraqi regime continue, and his backers and friends also join him in that, it would be natural for us not to stay dormant. We will act more and more intensely against Egypt. [end recording]

IRNA Reports Khamene'i Speech

LD011114 Tehran IRNA in English 1048 GMT 1 Jul 84

[Text] Tehran July 1 IRNA — President Khamene'i reiterated here today that the Islamic Republic did not want tension in the Persian Gulf region and that "we proved this and showed our good intention." The president repeated an earlier statement by Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani that "if others do not fire in the Persian Gulf, we will not fire a single shell either." This, President Khamene'i further added, was the greatest self-possession that the revolutionary Government of Iran could demonstrate.

The president who was speaking to a massive crowd of worshippers at the new site of prayers (uptown Tehran) also said that the Islamic Republic extended a friendly hand to all the Islamic countries in an attempt "to reserve our forces for confrontation against the great global oppression." The leader of the Friday prayers said that Iran had reminded its Muslim neighbors of this necessity for several times in the past. He expressed regret however, that the instigating nature of imperialism did not let this unity be shaped.

In the early hours of the morning today, large groups of the Muslim people of Tehran marched towards the new site of prayers in northern Tehran, in order to hold the 'Id al-Fitr prayers (marking the first day after the fasting month of Ramadan). The leader of the Friday prayers of Tehran and the head of the supreme Defence Council, President 'Ali Khamene'i congratulated the Muslim nation of Iran and the world Muslims in general on the auspicious occasion. In his address to the people, the president stressed the necessity to observe Islamic ethics after one month of fasting and worship.

Hojjat ol-Eslam Khamene'i said in an Islamic society poverty should not exist and that welfare must be for all. He said poverty could be eliminated in the Islamic society through planning and endeavours of the officials first, and secondly through the people's efforts and devotion in moving away the existing obstacles.

A number of ambassadors of Islamic countries here as well as government officials attended the 'Id al-Fitr prayers which was led by Hojjat ol-Eslam Khamene'i.

Excerpts from the president's sermon dealing with the situation of the region and the Islamic world follow:

"One of the things we are suffering from today, is that Muslims are uninformed of each other's situation. Two reasons can be cited for this: First, the coldness of the Islamic countries'officials towards each other, and secondly the domination of the Zionists over the world mass media. If the Islamic governments, instead of connections with their enemies, establish friendly and sincere ties and real unity among themselves, they will be informed of each other's issues. The Islamic governments, instead of relying on their nations and on the great force of Muslims, depend on the oppressors. And this is one of the great agonies of the Islamic world....

"Today the most important news of the Islamic world betoken a wide-scale effort by world arrogance to further infiltrate this region. This ever-increasing attempt by imperialism is because of a great fact, that is the nations have been awakened. Today the Muslim nations everywhere in the Islamic world, in the Middle East, in Africa and in Asia, are awakened. They have already understood the bitter reality of the imperialists' domination or are in the process of understanding it. Therefore, global oppression, in order to keep its influence, is trying to create a unified front. Despite all the conflicts and differences of interests they (the oppressors) have in this region, yet they are sharing a single goal, that is to prevent the awakening again of the Islamic world....

"In the Persian Gulf region too, we are witnessing these very activities. The ever-increasing presence of American fleet in the Persian Gulf is a great danger threatening the world of Islam. They are wrong those countries which imagine that the presence of the U.S. fleet is only to threaten the Islamic Revolution ....What is really being threatened is the Koran. Anybody having a slight faith in Islam should vigilantly and actively encounter the great invasion of world imperialism....

"Today in this region, the Iraqi regime is a cause of war and instigation in the land and the sea. All those who help Iraq, are its partners in this conspiracy....Although we are the oppressed party and although we have been invaded, however from the very day of the war so far, we have been defending ourselves. We have declared our good intention over and again.

"We have said that we do not want tension in the Persian Gulf. Although the mischievous acts of the Iraqi regime did not stop, either in attacking our cities or hitting oil tankers, yet we showed tolerance and proved our good-will....We do not want our neighboring governments in the Persian Gulf to get involved in war and dispute. We do not want them to become puppets in the hands of the superpowers. We declared our readiness to have a secure Persian Gulf region but it seems that the nature of the Iraqi regime is based on war-mongering. The supporters of the Iraqi regime also, because of following the same wrong policy,

cannot hide their war-mongering nature. Then why [do] they claim support for peace, in vain?

"We have proved that if we were to reciprocate, our possibilities are more and better than theirs. We can easily hit Iraq's border cities. But we did not and do not. We fulfilled our commitment. But we are more prepared if the game of fire is to continue in the border region and in the land and the sea. They are more vulnerable than we are...."

In conclusion of his statements, President Khamene'i advised the Islamic Republic's neighboring countries in the Persian Gulf to understand their status and "realise their weaknesses and vulnerabilities." He also advised them not to be influenced by "unwise policies" and refrain from "entering a fire from which they would not be able to escape so easily."

Joint Staff Issues War Communiques

No 1,773 — 29 June

LD291824 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1635 GMT 29 Jun 84

[Text] In its communique No 1,773, the Joint Staff of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Armed Forces states:

In the operational theaters facing Piranshah, the stalwart combatants of Islam yesterday returned enemy fire with heavy artillery and mortar launchers on the positions, units, and supply areas of the Iraqi forces, and halted their fire. A considerable number of foxholes and group trenches belonging to the Saddamist mercenaries were destroyed. One of the enemy ammunition dumps was set ablaze and more than 15 of their troops were killed or wounded.

On the Bakhtaran border front, the Islamic combatants defended their positions and reinforced their fortifications, and by heavy and accurate artillery shelling of enemy logistical installations and fortifications in enemy-held land, they set abalze a wide section of their defensive lines and heavy arms positions located deep inside enemy-defended territory, destroying at least 50 foxholes and slit-trenches and one observation post. Losses suffered by the Iraqi forces on these fronts included one ammunition dump, one 152-mm artillery gun and one Katyusha as well as the total destruction of two trucks and partial damage to one loader.

In the area facing (Meynak), one of our patrols penetrated enemy-held territory, carried out necessary reconnaissance, and returned to base. In our Sumar region, two Iraqi troops were taken prisoner by our combatants.

The valiant and courageous members of the Navy and Gendarmerie maintained their superior firing power on the Abadan and Khorramshahr fronts, halting enemy fire and inflicting losses and casualties on the Saddamist forces. In the operational sector where the Gendarmerie were serving, enemy casualties and losses included over 17 arms and troop emplacements and one loader destroyed, and over 30 Iraqi troops killed or wounded.

In the (Bayat) regio , Gendarmerie's fire resulted in the killing or wounding of over 10 enemy troops, and the total demolition of five heavy arms emplacements.

The city of Abadan came under sporadic shelling by heavy weapons and mortar launchers yesterday, as a result of which over 20 houses and shops were burned down and 2 houses were damaged. In addition, at 1125 and 1910 the Imam Khomeyni Hospital was shelled by the Saddamist forces and partially damaged. One person was also injured.

At 0845 today, two of our dear compatriots were killed and three were injured in an artillery barrage mounted on Abadan by the Iraqi Ba'thist criminals.

No 1,774 — 30 June

LD301742 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 30 Jun 84

[Communqiue No 1,774 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] Yesterday, the combatants of Islam, using artillery and mortar fire on enemy positions in western and northwestern operational regions silenced the fire of the Saddamist forces, halted their supply vehicles and disrupted the activities of engineering units. The damage inflicted on the enemy in this region includes the destruction of three trucks carrying personnel, one ammunition depot, one excavation vehicle and three cannons.

In the southern operational region, sporadic exchanges of fire continued yesterday along all the defense lines. The intensity of fire in (Halabjah), Zayd, (Husayniyah), (Zubaytiyah) and (Chandri) was greater than in other regions. Our forces succeeded in destroying about 19 foxholes and trenches, 1 truck, 1 mortar and 1 RPG-7 west of the Arvand Rud.

Yesterday, as a result of enemy long-range weapons' fire on residential districts of Abadan, in addition to the martyrdom of two and the wounding of three of our civilian compatriots, five areas of the town were set ablaze. In Khorramshahr, several points were hit by enemy fire and three areas were set ablaze and (?nine) persons were wounded.

No 1,775 — 1 July

LD011728 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 1 Jul 84

[Communique No 1,775 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] During the past 24 hours, the battle fought by the combatants of Islam continued all along the operational fronts in the northwest of the country with exchanges of artillery and heavy weapons fire. The intensity of fire in Hajj 'Umran and the region opposite Piranshah was greater than other places. The damage inflicted on the enemy includes the destruction of more than seven heavy and light weapons and machine gun emplacements.

There is no exact information available on the number of enemy soldiers killed or wounded.

On the Bakhtaran border fronts and operational regions in Ilam, the combatants of Islam continued to fortify their defensive positions. Their intensive artillery fire on enemy positions, observation posts, and supply routes inflicted considerable damage and casualties on the enemy forces and silenced their fire. Our forces also dispatched infiltrating patrol groups comprising Guards brothers and combatants of the Ground Forces in order to survey the enemy's activities and movements. They discovered the number of dead and the damage sustained by the enemy. According to reports received,the number of casualties and damage inflicted on the enemy in the regions opposite (Halalah) and (Meykhazar) include the destruction of more than 30 foxholes and slit trenches. The Iraqi forces were forced to flee from their repsective defensive lines. At least 20 enemy soldiers were killed.

In the Bayatan region the Gendarmerie warriors returned fire on Iraqi positions and forces and halted their operational and engineering activities. Five trenches and weapons emplacements were destroyed. On the Arvand Rud front, while keeping an eye on the traffic of military vehicles on the Al-Faw-Basra route, our forces returned enemy fire, pounding more than 12 heavy and light weapons emplacements belonging to the Iraqi Ba'thist mercenaries setting fire to a personnel position. A number of enemy soldiers were killed or wounded as a result.

Iraqi Planes Attack Gulf Targets 1 July

LD011135 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 1 Jul 84

[Text] Quoting a military spokesman, Baghdad radio claimed: Iraqi war planes attacked a number of maritime targets in the Persian Gulf today. The spokesman said: The targets were attacked in the northeastern sector of the Persian Gulf.

Iraq Concentrating Troops in Basra Area

LD301801 Tehran IRNA in English 1728 GMT 30 Jun 84

[Text] Ahvaz, June 30, IRNA — The Iraqi regime has transformed the city of Basra into a concentration site for its Third Army Corps forces. This was an advantage taken by the Iraqi regime as a proposal by the UN secretary general, calling on Iran and Iraq to refrain from bombarding residential areas of each other, was agreed upon on June 12. Reports reaching here from a well-informed source said that the Islamic Republic, with its adherence not to bombard residential areas according to the UN proposal, the Iraqi regime has stationed its reserved forces of the Third Army Corps in the city of Basra and has established a garrison for training fresh recruits. [sentence as received]

According to the same informed source the Iraqi ruler, Friday inspected the site of the concentration of the Third Army Corps in Basra. The film of the inspection was screened on the Iraqi television Friday night which was also attended by the Iraqi chief of the Joint Staff and the Third Corps Army commander.

Mobilized Groups Leave for Battlefronts

GF300630 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 30 Jun 84

[Text] According to a report by the Central News Unit, large groups of self-sacrificing mobilized personnel of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of the Hormuzgan Province left for the battlefronts of right versus wrong to fight the Zionist enemy. They left from the mobilization headquarters of the Bandar 'Abbas Guards Corps shouting their slogans: "To Conquer Karbala, Proceed Towards the Battlefronts"; "War, War Until Victory"; "Death to America"; and "Death to Israel"; and "Advance for the Liberation of Jerusalem."

In continuation of the departure of the committed forces for the battlefronts against the Zionist enemy, a large number of persons from the mobilized self-sacrificing groups and members of the Guards Corps of the Provinces of Khorasan, Ilam, Mazandaran, and from the cities of Hamedan and Qae'mshahr left for the battlefronts.

Mahdavi-Kani on Muslim Unity, Jerusalem Day

LD291734 Tehran IRNA in English 1520 GMT 29 Jun 84

[Text] Tehran, June 29, IRNA — People of Muslim countries must unite in order to remove the Zionist tumor from the region and they should not accept aggression against their greatness, Ayatollah Mahdavi-Kani said in his Al-Quds [Jerusalem] Day Friday prayers sermon here today.

The secretary of Tehran's combatant ulema society said the invitation of a U.N. team to monitor the June 12 agreement with Iraq did not mean Iran had toned down its stance against the regime in Baghdad.

During the ceremony, a Majlis deputy also called on the Islamic Republic to help create a leadership for the Palestinian struggle with Islamic principles.

Speaking to a massive crowd of several hundred thousand people at the Tehran University area, including government officials and diplomats from Muslim countries, Ayatollah Mahdavi-Kani said one billion Muslims should make a joint effort to liberate their first qibla [Jerusalem, former direction of ritual prayer].

"We should not allow them (Zionists) to desecrate our first qibla because this would be an attack and aggression to the greatness and dignity of Muslims which we should not accept," he said.

"Inshallah the day will come when we will observe Friday prayers in Al-Quds."

He said the superpowers were making every effort to protect the Zionist regime, while at the same time they all wanted to destroy the Islamic Republic.

Ayatollah Mahdavi-Kani added that although the regime in occupied Palestine had the backing of the superpowers, the rulers of some Arab countries were also partly responsible for the continued existence of the Zionist regime.

On recent foreign media reports on the Iraqi-imposed war, Mahdavi-Kani denied that Iran had softened its position on the war or that there were two opposing views in the country calling for peace or war.

"If we invite U.N. experts to inspect the crimes of Saddam, this means that we believe that we should have political steps in parallel with military steps.

"This is not inconsistent with our overall policy towards the aggressor Iraqi regime. The criminal must be condemned and be punished for his actions.

"This is the only way to peace and the survival of the Islamic revolution," he said.

On domestic issues, the former member of the Council of Guardians said the Majlis with the supervision of the Council of Guardians should clarify the issue of economic security in order to attract greater private investment in the economy.

He said economic security should be enforced based on the Qur'an and the Constitution.

Before his sermons, Jalalledin Farsi, the Majlis deputy from Tehran spoke in length on the history of Palestine and the current struggle against the Zionist regime.

He sharply criticized Yasir 'Arafat for his policies as the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), namely "confining Abu Khalid and Abu Musa, two courageous officers, at their home."

He also criticised him for failing to condemn the occupation of Iranian territories by the Iraqi forces.

"We must help to create a suitable leadership (for the liberation of Palestine) with Islamic principles."

Farsi said a successful struggle against the Zionist regime could not be carried out by armed Palestinian groups but by the forces of all Muslims.

He added that his personal views concerning the Palestinian isue did not necessarily reflect that of the Iranian Foreign Ministry.